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PREVENTION OF POLLUTION RELATED TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION--02.03

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM CLARE I.
HARRIS, U.S. COORDINATOR FOR AREA III, TO DR. B. RUNOV,
DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, MOSCOW, WITH COPY TO
Y.Y. KAZAKOV OF KYDROMET

2. QUOTE: DEAR DR. RUNOV: I AM WRITING ABOUT OUR
JOINT PROGRAM UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT, AREA
III AS AGREED UPON AT THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE JOINT
COMMITTEE IN MOSCOW, NOV 15-19, 1976.

PROJECT 02.0311 INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT: WE NEED
TO COMPLETE PREPARATIONS FOR OUR TEAM TO VISIT THE
USSR TO COLLECT VENEFICIAL ORGANISMS FOR USE IN
BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF WEEDS. WE PROPOSE THAT DR. LLOYD
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A. ANDRES AND DR. R.B. HAWKES VISIT THE USSR FOR 45 DAYS.
THE NOV 1976 MEMORANDUM INDICATED ONE SCIENTIST FOR
90 DAYS, BUT WE ARE NOW REQUESTING TO SUBSTITUTE TWO
SCIENTISTS FOR 45 DAYS. BOTH ARE FROM THE LABORATORY
FOR BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF WEEDS, AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
SERVICE, USDA, ALBANY, CALIFORNIA. WE PROPOSE TO HAVE
DR. ANDRES ARRIVE IN THE USSR MAY 31, 1977, AND

DR. HAWKES ARRIVE ON JUNE 29, 1977. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO COLLECT INSECTS AND PATHOGENS ASSOCIATED THE FOLLOWING WEEDS: EURPHORBIA ESULA, CENTAUREA DIFFUSA, CENTAUREA SOLSTITIALIS, CENTAUREA IBERICA, CONVULVULUS ARVENSIS, HALOGETON GLOMERATUS, AND SALSOLA KALI. WE REQUEST ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEM TO VISIT THE VICINITIES OF MOSCOW, LENNINGRAD, KISHINEV, SIMFEROPOL, YEREVAN, VOLGOGRAD, TASHKENT, NUKUS, FERGANA, ALMA ATA, SUGATINSKI VALLEY, AND LAKE BALKHASH. WE REQUEST THAT YOU ARRANGE FOR AN INTERPRETER FOR THE U.S. TEAM AT OUR EXPENSE. PLEASE ADVISE ME OF YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PROPOSAL.

WE PROPOSE A PROJECT WORKING GROUP MEETING IN WASHINGTON DURING THE THIRD OR FOURTH QUARTER OF 1977. THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING SHOULD INCLUDE (1) EXCHANGE OF RESULTS FROM COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES, (2) EVALUATION OF BIOLOGICAL CONTROL AGENT EXCHANGES, (3) DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIFIC PLANS AND PROTOCOLS FOR FUTURE COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES AND (4) DISCUSSIONS AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING PLANT PROTECTION AND PLANT QUARANTINE SERVICES IN BOTH COUNTRIES. WE ARE PLANNING TO HAVE THIS BE A WORKING SESSION WITH NO FORMAL PAPER PRESENTATIONS. THIS MEETING CAN BE ARRANGED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OR AT A DIFFERENT TIME. PLEASE ADVISE ME OF YOUR PREFERENCE.

WE ARE REQUESTING THAT YOU RECEIVE MR. EDWARD JOHNSON OF THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND DR. B.G. UNCLASSIFIED

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TWEEDY FOR 10 DAYS BEGINNING NO LATER THAN MAY 15 TO VISIT WITH THE SOVIET PROJECT LEADERS IN MOSCOW TO COMPLETE PLANS FOR 1977 AND IN PARTICULAR TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF A SOVIET TOXICOLOGIST COMING TO THE U.S. IN 1977-78. MR. JOHNSON AND DR. TWEEDY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO VISIT INSTITUTES IN MOSCOW AND KIEV WHICH ARE CONDUCTING RESEARCH CONCERNING INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT AND TOXICOLOGY OF PESTICIDES.

PROJECT III 2.1 INTERACTION BETWEEN FORESTS, PLANTS AND POLLUTANTS: WE ARE WAITING FOR THE DETAILED PROPOSALS THAT ARE TO BE PREPARED BY THE SOVIET SIDE.

PROJECT III 3.1 FORMS AND MECHANISMS BY WHICH PESTICIDES AND CHEMICALS ARE TRANSPORTED: DR. D. DUTTWEILER FOR THE U.S. SIDE HAS WRITTEN TO DR. MALAKHOV WITH SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM. PLEASE URGE DR. MALAKHOV TO REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

PROJECT III 4.1 EFFECTS OF CHEMICALS USED IN AGRICULTURE ON FAUNA: DR. LUCILLE STICKEL FOR THE U.S. SIDE RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM DR. L. VORONAVA INFORMATION CONCERNING A U.S. TEAM VISIT TO THE USSR IN MAY 1977. THE PROPOSED ITINERARY APPEARS TO BE SATISFACTORY AND WE WILL SUPPLY NAMES AND SPECIALTIES OF THE U.S. DELEGATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

SINCERELY, CLARE I. HARRIS, COORDINATOR FOR AREA III.
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